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Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Docket No. 2005-386-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of Joint Comments by Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company in the above-referenced docket.

THIS DOCUMENT IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE E-FILED COPY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ELECTRONIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Very truly yours,

Catherine E. Heigel

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

**BEFORE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-386-E**

IN RE:	Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1252 (Smart Metering) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005)))))))))	COMMENTS OF CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY d/b/a PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC.; DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC; AND SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
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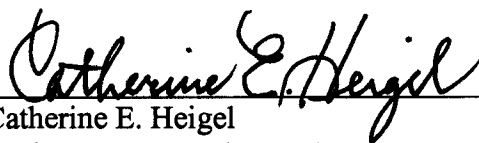
The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) styled as, “Petition to Establish Docket to Fulfill the State Requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005,” (Section 1252 (Smart Metering) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) on December 12, 2005. Thereafter, the Commission established this Docket Number 2005-386-E (the “Docket”) to establish a proceeding and request comments. Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (hereinafter the “Joint Petitioners”), do hereby jointly file the following comments in response thereto:

The Commission has requested that written comments be filed by the close of business on March 1, 2007. It is the Joint Petitioners' understanding that the comment period is applicable to non-intervenors, not the parties of record in this proceeding, and that the Commission intends to issue subsequent orders in this Docket establishing a schedule for comments or testimony by the Joint Petitioners. Accordingly, the Joint Petitioners will defer the filing of detailed comments and testimony until the appropriate future date. Notwithstanding the decision to defer detailed comments and testimony, the Joint Petitioners believe the issues in this proceeding are of great significance to their

respective companies and to the State of South Carolina. The Joint Petitioners look forward to filing detailed comments and testimony on these matters at the appropriate time.

The Joint Petitioners have authorized the undersigned attorney to file these Comments on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted this the 28th day of February, 2007.



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 Consider Implementing the)
 Requirements of Section 1252) **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**
 (Smart Metering) of the Energy)
 Policy Act of 2005)

I, Catherine E. Heigel, hereby certify that the Joint Petitioners' comments in the above-referenced docket have been placed in the U. S. Mail on this date, to the parties of record at the addresses shown below, with sufficient postage attached:

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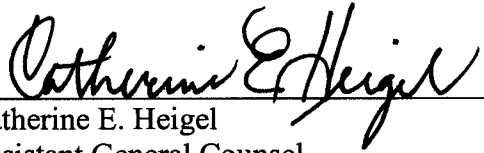
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